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## 35 TALMUD TORAH GRADUATES TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS AT SCHOOL EXERCISES THIS WEEK



**CENTRAL HILLEL ACADEMY GRADUATES**

A happy and proud moment is in store for these graduates of the Central Hillel Academy on June 20 when they receive diplomas marking the culmination of an intensive course of study. Seated, left to right: Ephraim Frankel, director of education, Brenda Kevanstein, Geraldine Soipe, Elaine Silver, Helen Katz, Itzhak Kerstein. Standing, left to right: Edward Barts, Louis Rassman, Allan Cantor, Mrs. F. Henderson, Neil Cohen, Julie Lewin, Alex Lightstone.



**WEST END HEBREW SCHOOL GRADUATES**

The graduates of the West End Hebrew School are shown with their teachers. From left to right, seated: Ephraim Malamuth, Nedda Umansky, Susan Cohen, Maureen Stamer, Judith Pearlman, Rabbi Ephraim Shach. Standing, left to right: David Wolfe, Donald Barts, David Ages, Mark Viner, John Feiner, Steven Arran. They will receive their diplomas at Exercises on Sunday morning, June 24.



**CENTRAL HEBREW SCHOOL GRADUATES**

These fifteen Central Hebrew School graduates will receive diplomas at Commencement Exercises on June 20. Seated, left to right: Ephraim Frankel, Neil Iscoe, Jay Roadman, Francess Shier, Paul Label, Jacob Gordon. Standing, left to right: Steven Palawin, Max Maslan, Jerry Tarantow, Ellis Salamon, Neil Bardeley, Eric Cohen, Martin Helt, Henry Green, Mervin Harwitz, David Kranick, David Kardish.

The culmination of intensive courses of study on the part of Hillel Academy and Hebrew School students will be marked in Ottawa this week by Graduation Exercises at both the Central and West End Branches.

On Wednesday evening, June 20, the Seventh Commencement Exercises of the Central Hillel Academy and the Fourteenth Commencement Exercises of the Central Hebrew School will be held jointly at the Jewish Community Centre beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The West End Branch will hold its Graduation and Closing Exercises on Sunday, June 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Agudath Israel Synagogue.

The thirty-five students involved who have successfully completed their courses of study will be presented with diplomas by the Ottawa Talmud Torah Board. Prizes will also be awarded to those who have attained outstanding scholastic records in their years at school.

Trophies will be presented for excellence in Hebrew and English, Tanach, Hebrew Language, Jewish History, Chumash, English Literature and Science.

The parents of the graduates will be hosts at receptions following the conclusion of the formal programs.

For the past number of years, the graduating classes have made gifts to the school as a mark of their esteem for their teachers. This year, Central School graduates have donated a twenty-four volume set of the Encyclopaedia Britannica to the Hillel Academy Reading Room. West End graduates have presented a Hanukkah Menorah and Havdalah Spice Box for the use of future classes.



**SCROLL OF HONOUR**

Jacob Gordon accepts a testimonial scroll from Dr. Samuel Mirsky, chairman of the Talmud Torah Board at the Yom Ha Mareh observance at which he was honoured for twenty-five years of consecrated service to the community.

### **Jacob Gordon Honoured By Pupils and Associates**

Jacob Gordon, the beloved teacher who has influenced the lives of hundreds of Ottawans in his twenty-five years of service was honoured by former pupils, friends and associates at the Yom Ha Mareh Observance on June 3.

Almost 400 members of the Jewish community attended the Sunday brunch at the Jewish Community Centre which culminated "Jewish Education Weekend" observed in all local Synagogues. Special receptions were held in the Agudath Israel and Beth Shalom Synagogues in honour of the teaching staff.

Jewish Education Weekend was initiated by the Talmud Torah Board in order to alert the community to the unique role which the Hebrew teachers play in the development of the child.

The guest of honour was lauded by Dr. Edward I. Shapiro, chairman of the brunch; Dr. Samuel Mirsky, chairman, Talmud Torah Board; Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein, on behalf of the local rabbinate; Ephraim Frankel, on behalf of the teaching staff and Jarvis Freedman, on behalf of Mr. Gordon's former pupils.

The main speaker was Dr. Chaim Gunner, secretary of the Talmud Torah Board and a former pupil of the guest of honour. His theme "Jewish Education in Transition" highlighted the self-sacrificing efforts of the pioneers of Jewish education in our community.

Other head table guests were Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg, Rabbi Stanley G. Weber, Hyman Bessin, Bernard M. Alexandor, Q.C., Alex Betcherman, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gordon, Saul Saslove and Reuben Kalin.

Members of the Hebrew staff participating in the program were Ephraim Frankel, Werner Bauer, Joshua Heilman, Mrs. Leah Gileadi, Itzhak Kerstein, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Malamuth, Nathan Lewin, Miss Judith Pass, Mrs. Esther Sadovoy, Rabbi and Mrs. Ephraim Shach.

Mrs. Morris Kimmel was chairman of arrangements. She was assisted by Jarvis Freedman, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Glatt, Mrs. Joe Zelikovitz and Mrs. Harry Goldstein.





Alex Betchermon

## Beth Shalom Elects Officers

Alex Betchermon, prominent Synagogue and communal leader was elected president of Congregation Beth Shalom at the annual meeting of the Synagogue membership held on May 31. He succeeds to the post held by Bernard M. Alexandor, Q.C., first president of the Congregation, since July, 1956.

The full slate of officers and governors elected for the year 1962-63 follows:

Honorary President: Bernard M. Alexandor, Q.C.; President: Alex Betchermon; Parnass: Myer N. Drazin; Vice-President: Hyman Gould; Treasurer: Joseph Swedlove.

Board of Governors: (Retiring 1965) Samuel Caplan, Elliott Gluck, Martin K. Levinson, Leo Levitan, Israel Shore, David Zelikowitz. (Retiring 1964) Marvin E. Choditoff, Louis Coplan, Theodore P. Metrick, Q.C., Thomas Sechs, Roy M. Saipé, Joseph Shmelzer, Isidore Stone. (Retiring 1963) Dr. Irving I. Betchermon, Dr. Abraham Hurtig, Nap Kapinsky, Dr. Samuel Mirsky, Joseph Sadinsky, J. Morris Woolfson.

## U.J.A. Workers Urged To Make Returns Now

Mervin Mirsky, general chairman of the 1962 United Jewish Appeal has announced that the campaign has passed the \$337,000 mark. At press time, 1119 individual contributions had been received. This showed an increase of \$39,982 over last year.

According to latest figures available, there are still some 150 cards in the hands of canvassers. Mr. Mirsky and his vice chairmen, Jules Loeb and Dr. Irving Betchermon are making a concerted effort to see that all returns come in by June 29, the final closing date of the campaign.

During the last two weeks in particular, canvassers have been urged by mail and by phone to complete their calls as quickly as possible. The warm weather seriously limits campaign activity and any cards left undone by the end of June are usually lost.

Canvassers who have had difficulty in contacting prospects or who for one reason or another cannot complete their call backs are asked to return all cards in their possession to campaign headquarters at the Jewish Community Centre for re-assignment.

The Campaign Committee would also be extremely grateful if donors who have not been called on as yet would make that fact known to the office at CE 2-7306.

The campaign leadership expects that the final figures will exceed \$350,000.

## Why Kashruth?

Most Jews are ready to offer an explanation of the Jewish Dietary Laws. Even those who more or less disregard them will offer a reason for them, though they may brush that reason aside as being in their view inadequate or unnecessary for our times.

The Dietary Laws are health laws, they say. This was and still is true. But this is not the reason which the Bible gives for these laws.

The Bible gives one and only one reason for them. That reason is not one of physical or national health but one of spiritual health. It is contained in the summing up of the chapter in which these laws are set forth: "I am the Lord your God; therefore you shall make yourselves holy, and be holy; for I am holy — For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God; ye shall therefore be holy for I am holy." (Leviticus 11:44, 45).

This motivation is repeated later (Leviticus 20:25, 26) "You shall therefore separate between unclean birds and the clean — and ye shall be holy unto Me, for I the Lord am holy." In the repetition of the Dietary Laws the same sole reason is given for their observance: "because thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God." (Deuteronomy 14: 21).

Thus, the Bible uniformly regards the Dietary Laws as a disciplined holiness. They are a discipline of the spirit imposed on a process that is otherwise entirely physical. They are an insistence that man's eating should be not only a satisfaction of his bodily appetites, but also an exercise in holiness of the soul. Judaism takes eating and drinking and weaves them into the fabric of religious living.

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## SECOND ANNUAL ALL SPORTS BANQUET

Sheldon Kopinsky accepts the Jewish Community Centre's Outstanding Athlete Award for 1961-62 from Dave Thelen, director of Health and Physical Education at the Second Annual All-Sports Banquet held on May 23. Shown with them are Soudy Kair, athletic director of the Ottawa YMCA who was the guest speaker and Lawrence Slover, chairman of the Health and Physical Education Committee who presided at the dinner. Over 100 fathers and sons and mothers and daughters witnessed the presentation of trophies and awards for outstanding achievement in various fields of athletic endeavour.

## Bon Voyage to the Sivans

The Counsellor of the Embassy of Israel and Mrs. Raanan Sivan leave Ottawa on June 24 to return to Israel.

In Israel, Mr. Sivan will take up his new duties as Deputy Director of the United States Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They will reside in Jerusalem.

The Sivans leave Ottawa with the fondest wishes of the host of friends they have made during their three year stay in our community.

## Camp B'nai B'rith Opens July 1

Joe Barrett, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Camp Committee has announced that all is in readiness for the arrival of the first group of campers on Sunday, July 1.

An excellent program and house-keeping staff has been engaged and will operate under the direction of Alex Konigsberg of Montreal. Medical personnel will comprise a full-time doctor and two nurses.

The 100 acre site at Quyon, Quebec this year boasts a new water filtration plant, improved dining hall and sleeping quarters as well as lighted tennis courts. The varied program of activities will include crafts, dramatics, athletics, water sports and horseback riding. The cultural program will lay stress on Jewish content.

### J.C.C. LIBRARY

### SUMMER HOURS

Monday and Wednesday

1:30 — 4:30 P.M.

## JCC Day Camp Highest on Record

On Tuesday morning, July 3, 182 children between the ages of 4 and 11 will gather at the Jewish Community Centre to begin an exciting six week program of swimming, athletics, crafts, dramatics, and trips to places of interest.

The current registration is the highest on record in the twelve year history of the Day Camp. Camp officials attribute the favourable response to the successful program of the past few years, the close supervision of the children and the excellent facilities of the Jewish Community Centre.

A staff of forty-six has been engaged. This includes unit heads, group counselors, and specialists in crafts, physical education, swim instruction and cultural activities. The entire staff participates in a four-day training program in advance of the opening of camp.

The camp is under the direction of Elias Z. Aromstam. The Day Camp Committee is composed of Dr. Morris Resnick, chairman, Dr. M. Ralph Berke, Morris S. Cohen, Bernard Lesh, Hy Hochberg, Dr. Lyon Pearlman, Mrs. Sol Sherman, Mrs. Norman Zagerman and Sam Zaret.

## Israel Concert Hall Programs

Radio Station CFMO-FM in Ottawa, 93.9 megacycles, will broadcast a series of programs featuring Israeli musicians or music, or both, under the title "Israel Concert Hall."

The series will begin on July 1 and will be heard every Sunday evening thereafter at 9:30 for thirteen weeks.

## RELAX AND ENJOY YOURSELF

### Highlights of the J.C.C. Summer Program for the whole family

#### OUTDOOR SWIMMING

MONDAY - FRIDAY (Until July 2)	— 3:00 — 6:00 p.m.
MONDAY - FRIDAY (July 2 - Aug. 15)	— 5:00 — 9:00 p.m.
MONDAY - FRIDAY (Aug. 16 - Sept. 3)	— 1:00 — 5:00 p.m.
	— 6:00 — 9:00 p.m.
SUNDAY	— 1:00 — 6:00 p.m.

#### GYMNASIUM (Basketball, Badminton, Trampoline)

MONDAY - THURSDAY	— 7:00 — 10:00 p.m.
SUNDAY	— 9:30 — 12:30 p.m.

#### HEALTH CLUB AND HANDBALL COURTS

FOR MEN — Regular year-round schedule.  
FOR WOMEN — Thursday schedule.

#### LOUNGES AND GAMES ROOM

(Billiards, Ping Pong, Chess, Checkers, T.V.)

MONDAY - THURSDAY	— 7:30 — 10:00 p.m.
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#### SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

FOR SENIORS AND YOUNG ADULTS	— 9:00 p.m.
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#### GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS	7:15 p.m. — York St. School
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#### SPECIAL EVENTS (Details to be announced)

MACCABIAO ALL SPORTS DAY AND PICNIC, WATER POLO,  
TRIP TO UPPER CANADA VILLAGE, MOVIES, SONG FESTS, B.B.Q.'S

For specific details consult the detailed program sent to you under separate cover or call the Centre Program Department CE 2-7306.

## Hillel Academy and Hebrew School Registration Open For Fall Term

### HILLEL ACADEMY

Nursery School — Central — open to children 3½ to 5 years of age.

Gan (Kindergarten) — Central and West End — Children must be 5 years old before December 31, 1962.

Grade 1 — Central and West End — Children must be 6 years old before December 31, 1962.

### HEBREW SCHOOL

Grade 1 — Central and West End — for children between the ages of 7 and 8.

For applications and further information, call CE 4-3377.